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FRIENDLY CORRESPONDENCE

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The Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library

June 2013

A BLISSful Summer Series at the Library

The Courtright Memorial Library is hosting its annual Brown-bag Lunch Information Summer Series (BLISS). This summer we are offering three sessions we're certain will peak your interest. The best part is they're free. Each session offers a little something for everyone, Otterbein Alumni, those taking a summer staycation or two, and for anyone interested in learning more about the future of the Courtright Memorial Library.

- **Wednesday, June 12, at noon – *Oh, The Places You'll Go (In Ohio)*.** Designed for everyone, this session explores Ohio outings and day trips. We'll help you explore all that Ohio has to offer this summer from its festivals, cool cities, and hot hiking expeditions. Presented by Allen Reichert, Librarian and Rebecca Raeske-Grinch, Resource Sharing Coordinator, this session promises to get you ready for a fun-filled summer.
- **Wednesday, July 10, at noon – *Women at Otterbein: A Historical Overview*,** is presented by Otterbein's Archivist, Stephen Grinch. Stephen will share photographs and stories of women that have paved the way and made history at Otterbein University.
- **Wednesday, August 7, at noon – *Courtright Re-Imagined*.** The look of the Courtright Memorial Library is changing and we want you to know what we're doing and how it will help you make better use of our services. Library Director, Lois Szudy and members of the Library Facilities Committee will talk about future renovations both large and small for the library.



If you are interested in attending a BLISS session, RSVP to Stacie Walker-Ladson via email at sladson@otterbein.edu. Be sure to include *BLISS RSVP* in the subject. ALL sessions are free and take place during lunch, so ...don't forget your brown bag!

Snailmail vs. Email

Your Friends of the Library newsletter, *Friendly Correspondence* can be delivered electronically for those preferring this format. If you would like to receive future versions of the *Friendly Correspondence* via email send Stacie Walker-Ladson an email at sladson@otterbein.edu. Be sure to include *newsletter* in the subject of your email. If you prefer receiving your newsletter by US Mail you don't need to let us know, as we will continue to honor that long-standing tradition.



Friends Bookmark Selected for 2013-14

Each year students from ART 1100—Design 2D submit at least one design (some students submit more than one) for the Friends of the Library Bookmark contest. The Library Staff and the Friends Board Members choose the winner from the entries submitted. All new members and current members, who renew their membership, receive the bookmark as part of their membership packet. This year's winning design is by senior Sam Stolarz. Students are asked to write a brief paragraph explaining their inspiration for their design, Sam's statement is below:

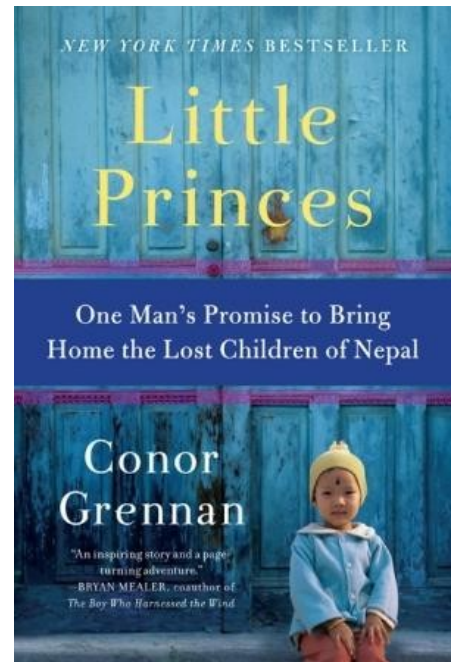


I am a senior Marketing major with a minor in Art. After graduation, I will work full time at RZ Marketing Group in marketing and graphic design. For me, the library is a quiet, relaxing place, and I wanted to incorporate that into my design. In this bookmark design, I chose birds flying out of a book to convey the freedom that reading brings to the reader, as well as the different places and time periods that books can take you away to.

Sam Stolarz

COMMON BOOK AUTHOR TO VISIT LIBRARY

Since 1995, Otterbein has offered the Common Book Program to engage and stimulate conversations amongst Otterbein University first-year students, faculty, and staff. This year's Common Book, *Little Princes: One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal* by Conor Grennan, tells of Conor's journeys in Nepal and of his epic quest to reunite Nepalese children with their families. Friends of the Library are invited to attend the Common Book author visit on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 7:00 PM. Conor's discussion will be followed by a book signing. This is a free Friends sponsored event and refreshments will be served.



UPCOMING FALL EVENTS

Zombie Fest II

This Labor Day, the Courtright Memorial Library will host Zombie Fest II. This event will take place on Monday, September 2, 2013 beginning at 6pm. Zombie Fest II will feature the 2004 hit film *Shaun of the Dead*. Participants are welcome to dress as their favorite character from the film, don their best zombie costume, or come as they are for fun, munchies, games, prizes and the movie. *Shaun of the Dead* is rated R and is labeled as a Comedy/Romantic/Horror film. While the movie is not appropriate for all ages, Zombie Fest II games and activities are perfect for everyone. More detailed information about Zombie Fest II is forthcoming.

I SEE DEAD PEOPLE

Just in time for Halloween, University Archivist Stephen Grinch will present an interactive historical experience titled, *I See Dead People*. This October, learn more about Otterbein's history from an eerie perspective. Time and location to be announced. Don't miss this unique opportunity!

The Courtright Memorial Library

Fondly Remembers

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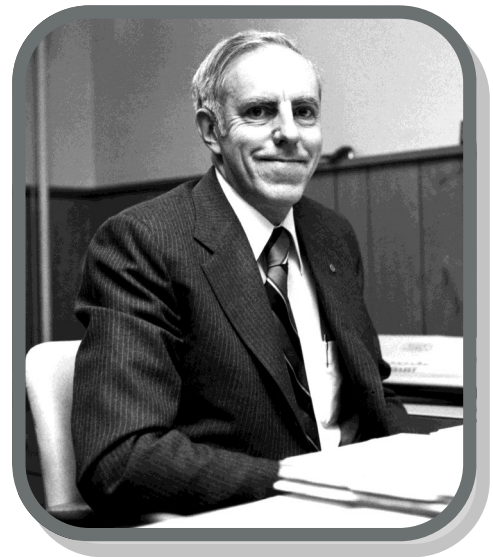


Courtright Memorial Staff
from 1983-84. Alberta
McKenzie-Messmer is
pictured in the second row,
fourth from the left.

*Photograph provided by
Otterbein University
Archives.*



Pictured to the left:
Blanche Viola
Baker Dohn.
*Photograph taken
from Memorial
Program.*



Donald Bulthaup working hard at the
Otterbein Physics Department.
*Photograph provided by Otterbein
University Archives.*

Alberta McKenzie-Messmer, former Reference Librarian and Director of the Courtright Memorial Library

The Library Remembers...

Alberta McKenzie-Messmer '40 worked at both the Centennial and the Courtright Memorial Libraries while employed at Otterbein. Alberta served as Director of the Courtright Memorial Library after the late John Becker and would later serve as college archivist. Alberta had over 30 years of service to Otterbein and its libraries.

—*Photograph provided by Otterbein University Archives.*



Alberta McKenzie-Messmer, 94, of Pickerington, passed away Thursday, February 14, 2013. A graduate of Otterbein College and Western Reserve University, she worked at Otterbein's Centennial Library as reference librarian and later as director for 33 years. Preceded in death by husbands Arthur MacKenzie and Charles Messmer and son James MacKenzie. Survived by daughters, Carol (Gary) Kruger, Barbara (Yale) Campbell, Marilyn (Edgar) Vilums; and daughter-in-law, Pei Hsiu MacKenzie; grandchildren, Stacy (Kellie) Kruger, Erik Kruger, Curt (Libbie) Campbell, Ryan (Melissa) Campbell, Alayna (Ty) Pierce, Michelle (Shawn) Foster, Michael MacKenzie, Scott Vilums, and Kevin (Stacey) Vilums; eight great grandchildren. Also survived by Charles Messmer's children, Marilyn Burns, Charles Messmer, Jr., John Messmer, Jim Messmer, and Kathie Althoff. Friends, if they wish, may contribute to Parkinson Foundation, 2800 Corporate Drive, Suite. 265, Columbus, OH 43231 or Otterbein University, Courtright Memorial Library, Friends of the Library, 138 W. Main St., Westerville, OH 43081.

FRIENDS REMEMBERED, CONTINUED

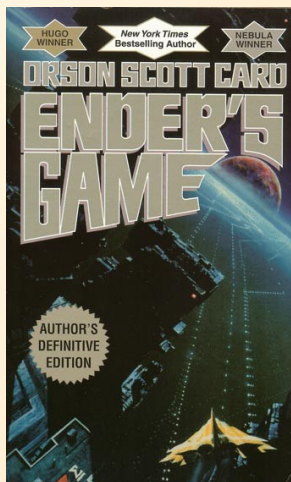
Blanch Viola Baker Dohn, 93, formerly of Westerville, died Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at Kendal at Oberlin retirement community, Oberlin, OH. She graduated from Westerville High School in 1939 and received a BA in Social Work and Masters Degree in Education from Otterbein College. She married the late Norman H. Dohn in 1943. The couple moved to Abilene, TX, where Norman was stationed at Camp Barkley, a U.S. Army post, for military training, and Blanche drove a taxicab and worked as a disc jockey at KRBC, a local radio station. After WWII, they moved back to Westerville where Blanche was a booth announcer at radio station WCOL before pursuing a career in education. She taught 3rd and 4th grades at Emerson and Whittier Elementary Schools for the Westerville Public School System. The family later settled in Athens, OH, where Blanche taught 3rd grade at The Plains Elementary School. In 1989 they retired and returned to their "roots" in Westerville. Blanche was a dedicated elementary school teacher and taught wherever she happened to land. She was passionate about making a difference in the lives of her students. This devotion to education led her to seek and successfully win a seat on the Athens City School Board. In addition to her commitment to teaching, she touched the lives of many who suffered from the disease of alcoholism. She was a recovering alcoholic with more than 40 years of sobriety and was always ready to offer a helping hand to those in need. In 2001, both passions came to fruition when a charter school for troubled youth with substance abuse problems was dedicated in her honor in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Dohn Community High School. The school's mission is to provide guidance and love to teens that need a safe learning environment and a place where their basic needs to belong, to learn, and to work with and respect others can be met. She was a member of Church of the Messiah, United Methodist Church, Westerville, for more than 80 years. Blanche is survived by two daughters, Mary Alice Dohn, Westerville, and Margaret Cynthia Stark, Bay Village, OH.



Donald Carl Bulthaup, 82, of Westerville, died Saturday, February 23, 2013 at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus. He was born March 3, 1930 in Indianapolis, IN to Carl and Doretta (Heger) Bulthaup. On July 19, 1952 he married Barbara Ann (Sponsel) Bulthaup, who died August 25, 2004. A U.S. Air Force veteran, Dr. Bulthaup attained the rank of Captain as a member of the Strategic Air Command's Weather Detachment. Upon completion of his military service he taught physics at General Motors Institute in Flint, MI and in 1964 joined the Physics Department at Otterbein College where he also served as Academic Dean before retiring from the college in 1993. During this time he was also actively involved at Central College United Presbyterian Church, serving as an Elder and as a member of numerous committees. He was also a member of the Westerville Rotary. In retirement he became a business manager at the Central College Church for a number of years and afterwards continued to provide volunteer time for computer assistance and church upkeep. Dr. Bulthaup graduated from Indiana Central College (BS), Michigan State University (MS) and the Ohio State University (Ph.D). He is survived by two daughters, Janet Cook (Philip) of Sidney, OH and Sharon Bulthaup (Jake Garrity) of Gallup, NM.



PAGES TO FILM



Ender's Game Reading at Courtright Memorial Library*

This November, the Courtright Memorial Library will host a reading of Orson Scott Card's *Ender's Game*, a *New York Times* best seller and Hugo and Nebula award winning title. Soon to be a feature film starring Harrison Ford, *Ender's Game* is a well-loved and widely-read military science fiction novel that will touch your soul and spark your mind.

If you are interested being a reader this November, send an email to Elizabeth Zeitz at ezeitze@otterbein.edu.

Stay tuned for more details!

**BTW, Harrison Ford is not included.*

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by Stacie Walker-Ladson

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